#### CITY INTELLIGENCE. EXPLOSION.

Coreser's Inquest on the Victims of the Loco-motive Dienster at Port Richmond. metive Disaster at Port Richmond.

Testerday afternoon the Coroner convened a pry and continued the sinquest on the bodies of the victims of the locomotive explosion at Port Richmond. James Taylor, the engineer of the Gold Mine, who was reported seriously injured, has since sided at the Hospital.

The jury, after viewing the scene of the accident, proceeded to the office of the master mechanic where the examination was held.

Bernard Sharker, conductor, testified that the engine was standing at the water-plug, the engineer being on the engine; had not made the attachment when the explosion book place.

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S. Jeffries, foreman at the shops, testified that the engine was overhauled last fall, and found in good condition. Witness thought the accident was caused by overpressure. The fireman, James Brady, had been running the engine while the engineer. Mr. Nagle, was at breakfast. The water was running out of the tank after the explosion took place. The engineer was in the act of taking off his coat when the explosion took place.

James Brady, the fireman, took the engine out of the house about 6½ o'clock. There was a foot and a half of water in the tank on Saturday night, and he was satisfied the engine was safe when brought out this (Mosday) morning. The pressure at the time of the explosion was 160 pounds, while she was often run to 110. The bullers had been tested to 155 pounds. Was about taking water when the accident happened.

Lewis Sees testified that the engineer was in his tavern some weeks ago, when he (the engineer) said that he expected to be blown up with that old engine some day.

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After the examination of some unimportant witnesses the Inquest adjourned until to-day.

This morning at 12 o'clock the jury reassembled at the Coroner's office.

Mr. Jenec S. Mather, residing at No. 1238 Richmond street, works—Am a despatcher at the crossing, in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company; previous to August I, 1859, was employed as engineer; have been an engineer for twenty years; run the Annapolis for three or four years; when I left it in August it was in good condition; was rapaired and generally overhauled while under my charge; never heard any one say that it e engine was worn out.

John E. Wootten sworn—Am superintendant of the machinery of Reading Railroad; came to Philadelphia yesterday at 4 P. M., the Annapolis was purchased in 1844 built in Ealtimore; weight thirty-one tens; very powerful sent to Richmond on account of its superiority; examined pieces of boiler yesterday and could find no local defect; we have a thorough system of boiler inspection; this engine was inspected; we inspect all engines at the close of the coal business, which is at this time of the year; I inquired of Mr. Jeffris si the re was anything needed especially about this engine; I could find no special cause for the explosion; I have no doubt it came about from excessive pressure; those who have seen the wreek noticed that it went entirely to pieces; no one part was more weak than another; the pressure my have gone up rapidly after the conductor locked at the guage; the engine was hlowing off steam, which showed that the safety-valve was not out of order; Mr. Negle was a good, careful engineer; never heard that he was ever under the influence of liquor when on duty, but would sometimes drink at other times; he would have been discharged if ne had been seen around the place is an intoxicated condition; the engine was comparatively new; when she was overhauled, the interior of the boiler had been minutely inspected, but it had not been tested under hydraulic pressure; it was not thought necessary; the average lif

The jury, after some deliberation, returned the

verdict :. Indiowing verdict:—
That Joseph Nagle and James K. Taylor came to
their deaths from injuries received by the explosion of the locomotive Annapolis, belonging to the Realing Railroad Company, on the Reading Railroad, below Trenton avenue, on the morning of December 20, 1869. After a thorough investigation as to the cause of the explosion, the jury are unable to determine it with any degree of certainty.

LOCAL ODDS AND ENDS .- Prepare for a white

-Laurels are plentiful. -How about that banquet?
-Temperance Blessing meets to-night.

Common Council meets this afternoon.

Frankford wants to be the National Capital. Jack Frost is rendering our streets passable.

-Alderman Beitler has his hands full of marriage Stated-meeting of the Horticultural Society to-

night,

—The Tipperary Society meets to-morrow night— Begorra!
—De Hart's Battery, of New Jersey, was mustered into service last night.

Into service last night.

The Republican Invincibles give a banquet at the Continental, Thursday evening. Tickets, \$10.

The sextons of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal churches meet at No. 101s Arch street this

afternoon,

The race wisburg Alumni Ciab of Philadelphia met

ast evening at the house of Rev. G. A. Waltz, No.

1841 Filbert street.

—The Academy of Fine Arts stockholders are considering the propriety of purchasing a site for a new building. They meet to-morrow to consider the

There are twenty aspirants for the captaincy of the Park Guard. A hatf dozen ex-lieutenants and sergeants of police, and a little army of Boys in Bluei ask for the office.

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—An informal meeting of the veteran Cadwalader Greys, looking to a reorganization, was held last night. The Greys served as an independent company in the Mexican war, also in the three months'

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.—A stated meeting of the Board was held last evening, John Weish, Esq., in the chair. A communication was read from C. F. Barnes, calling the attention of the Board to his efforts to free the commerce of the country from the various local port and harbor charges; among which were the Port Warden and Harbor Master fees at the port of Philadelphia. Two hundred dollars were voted to Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Fraley, of the Committee to the National Board of Trade, which met in Richmond, stated that

they would report at the next meeting.

William Adamson was elected a member of the
Executive Council, in the place of a gentleman who

could not attend.

Messrs. E. A. Sonder, George L. Buzby, and George N. Tatham were appointed Committee of the

No Hore!—Samuel Grace, reflecting upon the un-certainty of this world's pleasures, came to the con-clusion that there was no hope for him, so down upon his knees he went and commenced to pray, and, so wrapped in medication was he, that he chose a door step for a stool, and abstractedly commenced whittling with a knife at a door on Carpenter street, below Eighteentk. In this attitude he was found about twenty minutes past 1 o'clock this morning by Officer McCafrey, of the Seventeenth district force. Near by him was found a coat, which he could account for no further than by saying that he could account for no further than by saying that he supposed it had been deposited there by some angel in answer to his prayers. Alderman Dallas, being disposed to take a Christian view of the matter, committed Samuel to the care of Pastor McMullin, of the Church de Moyamensing.

LOST .- Left in the ladies' cabin of the West Jersey ferry boat (which left Philadelphia at half-past four o'clock on Monday afternoon) a large blank book containing certain calculations of no use to any onbut the owner. The finder will be suitably rewarded by retorning the book to the National Life Insurance Company, First National Bank Building, Chesnut street, between Third and Fourth.

WASHED CLOTHES .- About 7:30 o'clock last even ing Officer Dougherty arrested two chaps at Eighth and Alaska streets, who gave their names as Samuel Jones and William Smith. In their possession was found a stolen wash, many of the articles yet dripping. Alderman Bonsall committed the two to prison. The goods can be obtained at the Seveteenth District Station House. District Station House.

THE CATACOMBS OF ROME .- A lecture on these est interesting ancient remains was delivered last evening, at the request of the young men of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, by Rev. W. F. Hansell, D. D. One of the most interesting features of the lecture was the exhibition of a number of black-board diagrams, drawn by Dr. Mustin, illustrating the inscriptions found in the catacombs.

FIGHT AND BROKEN LEG.—Two puglistic characters this morning engaged in a brutal encounter, at Water and Walnut streets. During the fracas one of the patticipants, named Murphy, threw the other, named Daniel Burk, who, falling heavily, fractured one of his legs. He was removed to the Pennsylvania Hongital. nia Hospital.

ange, a man named Engleton was assaulted at Thirteenth and Kater streets, and robbed of his valuaties. Yesterday Special Officer Shery succeeded in arresting one of the supposed assailants, who gives his name as John St. Clair. He will have a hearing before Alderman Kerr, to-day. HIGHWAY ROBBERY,-Last Saturday night a week

S. P. C. A.—Charles Zoller has been placed under \$500 ball, by Alderman Cahill, to answer the charge of cruelly belaboring a poor animal, styled a horse, that was already suffering from loss of optical power. Charles was arrested at Fifth and Green

BURGLARY.—The residence of Thomas Carr, corner of Rising Sun lane and Venango street, was entered last night and robbed of two coats and \$76 in cash. The loss was divided between Mr. Carr and a boarder, the latter losing one coat and \$68 of

SLEGET FIRE.—About 9-15 this A. M., a slight fire occurred in the second story of the dwelling No. 1261 N. Tenth street, owned by W. J. Selfert, and occupied by George Glentworth. Loss, \$150. The sames originated from a stove.

#### STREET CLEANING.

Award of the Contracts This Morning—Who the Contractors Are.

The committee on street cleaning of the Board of Health this morning awarded the contracts for the cleansing of our streets, alleys, and by-ways for the years 1816 and 1871.

The provisions under which the contracts are awarded read that the contracts are

The provisions under which the contracts are awarded read that the contracts are for cleaning and keeping thoroughly clean at all times all the paved streets, alleys, courts, inlets, market-houses, gutters, gutters under railroad crossings, gutters of unpaved streets, and all other public highways, and the immediate removal of all fifth and dirt therefrom, after the same has been collected together; also, the removal of ashes, and the collection and burial of all dead animals, embraced within the several districts named and described in specifications of said districts, all to be done under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of the Board. Contractors will be required to clean Delaware avenue, Water street, and Front street, from South street to Vine

will be required to clean Delaware avenue, water street, and Front street, from South street to Vine street, between sunset and sunrise.

Amongst the list will be found the names of some of the old contractors, and from the reading of the report of the committee it is fair to be presumed that their past, course and extreme cleanliness have fully met the wishes of the Board. In the present case the committee has settly wished to be the committee that their past, and the present case the committee has settly wing these to be a settly wished to be the committee. the committee has acted wisely in at least one respect; they have not chosen the lowest as the best bidder, but, on the contrary, have allowed the con-

bidder, but, on the contrary, have allowed the contractor a fair price for the work they have undertaken to perform. The report submitted by the committee reads as follows:

To the President and members of the Board of Health G atlemen. The Street Cleaning Committee to whom was referred the bids for cleaning the street's of the city for the year 1870 and 1871, desire to make the following report, with resolutions attached.

The large number of bidders for the several districts amount in the aggregate to 55 bids, varying in many instances for the same district at least one hundred per cont, as will be observed if you take the maximum and minimum bids for all the districts, showing the bighese bids

cent. as will be observed if you take the maximum and minimum bids for all the districts, showing the highest bids amount to \$349.98, and the lowest, \$152,318, a difference of \$123.781, clearly demonstrating that some of these bids could not have been well considered, and we have not therefore recommended in all cases the lowest bidders as the best bidders, but have endeavored to select men who have the ability, and whose bids are such as it is confidently believed will be fulfilled. The Board have seen during the last eight months how difficult it is to got those contractors to to their duty whose bids were made below the cest of doing the work. The committee recommend the following resolution:

\*\*Resolved, That contracts be awarded to the following bidders for the period of two years, from the lat of dynuary, 1870, to the st of January, 1871, payable mentility.

The following is the list of the successful hidders, with the boundaries of their districts, and the price

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First District—From the north line of Prime street.

south, all the streets, lanes, alleys, etc., from the Delaware river to the east side of Broad street— Second District—From the north line of Prime street to the north line of South street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street—

James Collins, \$7000.

Third District—From the north line of Prime street to the north line of South street, and from the west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad street—S. B. Collins, \$7500.

Fourth District—From the north line of South

street, south, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schnylkill river, all streets, lanes, etc.—John Filth District—From the north line of South street to the north line of Chesnut street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street—

James McBride, \$8800.
Sixth District—From the north line of South street to the north line of Chesnut street, and from the west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad

west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad street. James Cullen, \$9006.

Seventh District—From the north line of South street to the north side of Chesnut street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river—H, Bickley, \$7750.

Eighth District—From the north line of Chesnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street— John Galbraith, \$11,990.

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Ninth District—From the north line of Chesnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the west line of Sixih street to the west line of Broad

west line of Sixin street rolls west line of Broad street. D. McNichol, \$10,500.

Tenth District—From the north line of Chesnut street to the north line of Vine street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river—H. Bickley, \$7650. Eleventa District-From the north line of Vine street to the north line of Poplar street, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street.

John Galbraith, \$9600. John Galbrann, \$2000.

Tweifth District—From the north line of Vine street to the north line of Poplar street, and from the

street. H. E. Bickley, \$9800.

Thirteenth District. From the north line of Vine street to the north line of Poplar street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river.

H. E. Bickley, \$7600. I. E. Bickley, \$7600. Fourteenth District—From the north line of Pop-

lar street to the north line of Oxford street, and from the west line of Frankford road along the said Frankford road to the south line of Laurel street, thence to the Delaware river, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street—James O'Rourke, \$9500. Fifteenth District—Beginning at the Delaware

river on the south line of Laurel street, along said street to the west line of Frankford road, along the west line of Frankford road to the north line of Oxford street, and from the north line of Oxford street to the north line of Norris street, and from the Dela-ware river to the west line of Sixth street—James

O'Rourke, \$6500.

Sixteenth District—From the north line of Norris street to the north line of Allegheny avenue, and from the Delaware river to the west line of Sixth street...D. Stites, \$8976. Seventeenth District...From the north line of Pop-

Seventeenin District—From the north line of Pop-lar street to the north line of Allegheny avenue, and from the west line of Sixth street to the west line of Broad street—Joseph Johnson, \$5000. Eighteenth District—That part of the city of Philadelphia lying west of the Schuylkill river, known as West Philadelphia; to keep all the paved streets clean, and gutters of unpaved streets open and clean, together with the removal of ashes and dead animals in the built-up portions of this district—D.

McLanghin, 14000.

Nineteenth District—From the north line of Poplar street to the north line of Berks street, and from the west line of Broad street to the Schuylkill river—

E. McCaffrey, \$4690.

The committee has not as yet awarded the contracts for the Twentieth and Twenty-first districts.

With regard to the Twenty-second district, Messrs.
Chase and Smith called upon the committee, and stated that the citizens of the district had taken the cleaning of the streets thereof into their own han and therefore did not desire that any contract should The following resolutions also accompany the re-

port:—
Resolved, That 20 per cent, of the amount of contract be withheld for the months of Jinuary, February, and Marcis of each year. to be paid at the close of each year.

Resolved, That the contractors give freehold security to the amount of 20 per cent, of their contracts.

Resolved, That the awards for districts 29, 21, 22 be deferred for the present.

Resolved, That the action of the committee be approved by the band.

HENRY DAVIS, Chairman, JAMES STEELE, C. S. GROVE, OHARLES P. BARRETT,

SALE OF REAL ESTATE. - The following real estate and stocks were sold this morning at the Merchants' Exchange by Messrs. Thomas & Sons :leum Co.
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THE COLORED MILLY IA .- At a meeting of the board THE COLORED MILITIA.—At a meeting of the board of officers of the Excelsior Brigade on last Saturday evening, Colonel French presiding, Dr. Charence E. Howard, a young and promising physician, formerly of Boston, Mass., and how of this city, and a graduate of Harvard University, was elected Surgeon of the regiment, with the rank of major. Dr. Howard has held a like position in Boston, his native place, having been commissioned by the Governor of that State; and we have no hesitation in stating, from what we have heard of this young colored physician, that he is every way competent to fill the place with credit.

WANTED A COAY.—George W. Davis, whilst walking along Walnut St. yesterday, bethought him that he should possess a coat to protect him from the rude blasts of old Boreas, but being financially "straight" he knew not how to obtain it. At length a happy thought struck him; he would borrow one. Acting at onse, he entered the residence No. 616, and took therefrom a fine Chinchilla beaver, the property of W. S. Brown. At this luncture an officer took George, and B: the invitation of Aiderman Kerr George took B ride in the prison van. WANTED A COAT.-George W. Davis, whilst walk-

Hearings at the Central Station,—Before Alderman Kerr, committing magistrate, at the Central Station, this afternoon, was arraigned William Elienger, on the charge of stabbing Officer Sisk, of the Second district force, one week ago last Saturday night. He was held in \$2000 ball to answer.

—A lad named John St. Clair was accused of assaulting and robbing William J. Engleton, on Saturday night last, about 11 o'clock, at Thirteenth and Casey streets. He was committed to answer.

—James McGovern, James McCormick, James McGirick, James Nolen, and James McCaffrey were arraigned on the charge of assaulting and beating James Gallagher, resaling No. 1921 Buttonwood street, and Michael Delaney, of No. 1921 Enttonwood street, and Michael Delaney of No. 1921 Enttonwood street, and Michael Delaney

ties reside at No. 519 S. Front street. The accused

FIRE.-A fire this morning occurred at No. 1920 Mervine street, in the dwelling occupied by D. S. Bunnell, and before the flames could be extinguished a damage of \$500 was sustained, upon which there is no insurance. The building was damaged to the ex-tent of \$1200, partly covered by insurance.

#### "WOGAN & CO."

A Note from the Hon. J. A. Wimpy.

In to-day's Trabune I notice a correspondence between certain parties in New York city and myself, from which it would appear I was acting in concert with them in circulating spurious money. In justice to myself, I beg leave to say to your readers that I am the author of the letters, and the identical person represented in them. But the motive which prompted me to engage in this correspondence was just the reverse to that you attribute to me.

About the 1st of October last several of the most

worthy and respectable citizens of Dahlonega among whom were M. H. Van Dyke and Thomas H. Kilgo, the former a miner, the latter a merchant, and both well known in New York city as gentlemen fundoubted integrity) stated to me that quite a number of confidential circulars were being sen to persons in and about Dahlonega by these parties in New York, proposing to sell counter-reit money, and expressed to me a bellef that an illicit traffic of this kind was then going on between persons about Dahlonega and these men persons about Dahlonega and these men w York, from the fact that there was at that time an unusual amount of spurious money in that neighborhood. To guard the good people of my county against this evil, it was agreed I should employ myself in tracing up and bringing to justice these New York counterfeiters. And for this purpose I wrote the letters you publish, and would, I don't not not a short time have not only given the doubt not, in a short time have not only given the whole thing publicity, but secured the arrest of the guilty persons, with sufficient evidence to convict them. On or about the 1st instant I gave my views and purposes in this matter to P. O. O'Conner, a pro-minent merchant in Atlanta, well known in New York as a gontleman of unsullied character. I say this much, and will send statements as soon as practicable from those gentlemen above-named, verifying the same, to place myself right before those who have no acquaintance with me. Those who know me, even in the absence of confidence in my integrity, will not do my understanding such gross injustice as to believe I would hazard my social and political standing by writing such letters and trusting them to the mail-bags and New York counterfeiters, with-out ample evidence to establish my innocence. Very out ample evidence to establish and respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN A. WIMPY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, 1869.

#### LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Court of Quarter Sessions-Judge Paxson.

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John A. Martin, a young mute, pleaded guilty to a
charge of entering a cellar with intent to steal. Upon discovery that he was dumb the Court thought proper to
allow bim to withdrew his plea of guilty and put the case
before the jury. The evidence was that he was in the
prosecutor's cellar hid away between two harreis, and
wrote upon a piece of paper that he had gone there to
sleep. Verdict, guilty.
Isaiah Durham was tried for the larceny of a coat and
880e in money. The testimony was to the effect that the
closet of the driver of the America Engine Company was
opened and a coat and the abovenamed sum of money
stolen from it; subsequently the coat was sold by the
prisoner to a colored man, by whom, at the trial, he and
the coat were identified. Verdict guilty.
Thomas Mundy at d Avihur Painter were found guilty of
the larceny of a quantity of cloth from the store of a Mr.
Mass. Having stolen the goods they took them to a
clotning store in South atreet, and left them for a short
time, saying they would call for them. In the meantime
Detective Levy stepped in, found the cloth, and waiting
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Henry linwthorn and Edward McClaffrey entered a plea of guilty to a charge of stealing lead pipe from the city workshop.

Nisi Pritts-Judge Williams. In the case of Keller's, the Pennsylvania Railroad Copany, which wento recover damages for the loss of M Keller's bee, Herman Aukor, who was killed in the colion and conflagration of September 21, 1894, before ported, the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff

bion and configuration of dependent for the plaintin for 4200.

William H. Powell and wife vs. The Pennsylvania Rail road Company. In this case the plaintiffs seek to recover damages for injuries received by Mrs. Powell on the 30th of January, less, while a passenger from Pittsburg to this city, the train running off the track by reason of a broken city, the train running off the track by reason of a broken city, the train running off the track by reason of a broken city, and the car in which she was riding being thrown city, the train running off the track by reason of a broken rail, and the car in which she was riding being thrown down as embankment. The lady received injuries to her head, which are thought to be incurable. The defense alleged that all possible care and precaution had been taken, and the occurrence was purely the result of an un-avoidable accident. On trial.

In the case of the United States vs. Samusi Penington, charged with perjury, before reported, the jury are out.

The United States vs. R. L. Curry. In this case the defendant, formerly an Aldorman of West Phindelphis,
was charged with the offense of manufacturing eigers at
No. 2918 Market street, without baving obtained a facense,
it was alleged that he took out only two because one for
practicing as a lawyer, and the other for dealing in manureferred charges, and yet was known to ma manufacturing eigers.

U. S. District Court-Judge Cadwalader.

factured tobacco -and yet he was known to have manufac-tured and sold them. On trial. PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES. Reported by De Haven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third Street.

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## WASHINGTON

Umpiring the Mexican Claims-Admimiral Porter on the Decline of American Commerce-Fierce Democratic Speeches in the House.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

Mexican Claims. Special Desputch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- The Mexican Claims Commission has been unable to agree upon an impire, and has authorized Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, to select one. The Mexicans did not want a citizen of the United States, and the United States refused to have a Mexican. It is probable that some European will be selected. European will be selected,

American Commerce. Admiral Porter was before the select committee on the revival of American commerce to-day, and in answer to some interrogations gave his opinion as to the best means of reviving our shipping. He advo-cated granting subsides to ocean steamers built and owned in the United States, either by loan of credit, or ocean postage, or both. The best thing the Gov-ernment could do, the Admiral told the committee, was to purchase at once twenty or thirty first-class steamers, put them under proper management, and allow parties to pay the Government back with in-

Reconstruction in the House. The Democrats are busy ventilating their views on reconstruction in the House, the Georgia bill being the pretense. Voorhees, of Indiana, is making a fierce speech against the Republican party, and he is to be followed by Fernando Wood and other lead-

Election Contestants. The Election Committee have discussed Dawees' bill fixing the compensation of contestants, but did not reach a vote on it.

ng Democrats.

#### CONGRESS. FORTY-FIRST TERM-SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Vice-President called the attention of the Senate to the requirement of the law for the filling of the vacancy coasioned by the death of Mr. Fessenden, as one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institute. The law provided that this vacancy should be filled in the same manner that committees are appointed. Mr. Cragin reported favorably, with an amendment, the bill to provide for the execution of the law against polygang in the Territory of Utah.

Mr. Wison offered a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the Committee on the District of Columbia to examine into the administration of the School Commissioners and the condition of the public schools of Washington and Georgetown.

Mr. Spencer introduced a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate to the Senate a statement of the original cost of the revenue cutters now employed, and information in regard to the number, compensation, etc., of officers and men in that service. Senate.

House.
The reading of the journal was dispensed with in order hat the debate on the Georgia Reconstruction bill might se continued. Several members asked and obtained leave to print

be continued.

Several members asked and obtained leave to print speeches on the subject.

Mr. Potter argued against the bill. He did not see how any member who had swors to support the Constitution could vote for it. He regarded it as wholly unconstitutional, and he believed it also to be most unjust, unnecessary, and unwise. He believed that the poticy of ventenness was only calculated to increase the dissatisfaction, the disgust, and the sense of wrong which, more than anything else, interferred with the prosperty and well-being of Georgia. It seemed to him that this bill threatened the rights and liberties, not only of the people of Georgia, but of every Northern State as well.

The offense of Georgia was the same as that of the State of New York, which mad just decided by a vast majority that negroes would not be admitted to offense, nor oven admitted to suffrage without special qualifications. If Georgia could be punished for that offense in the manner proceed by tois bill, why could not New York be punished in the same way? This was but one move in the daily strides towards a centralized and absolute government, and to the destruction of that system of limited and localized government established by the founders of the covernment, and in which only true liberty could be found.

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Mr. Voorhees took the moor, and made an argument in opposition to the bill, the introduction of which he ascribed to the influence of the President.

His own position was that Georgia had never ceased to be a State, but even under the doctrine and action of Congress, she was a State. Being, therefore, a State, he should like to know from some one more eminent in the law than the present Executive, by what power the Federal Government tells a State to organize her Legislature in one way or another?

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Mr. Dawes inquired whether that clause of the Constitution requiring the United States to guarantee a republican form of government in the State did not require the maintaining of a republican form of government?

Mr. Voorhees replied that the gentleman from Massachusetts was precluded from making that point, because he had voted last April against interfering with Georgia, and nothing had occurred since to affect his judgment in that regard, unless it was the President's message.

Mr. Dawes inquired whether Mr. Voorhees had any other answer to make to his question except that he (Dawes) was estopped. Dawes) was estopped.

Mr. Voorhees replied that that was generally held to be

good answer. Mr. Dawes admitted that it might be a good answer as Mr. Voorhees desired to know whether the gentleman from Massachusetts held that unconstitutional acts of a State Legislature warranted the Federal Government in marching an army into that State, striking down the habeas corpus, and governing the people at the point of the bay-net?

### FROM NEW ENGLAND.

The Factory Operatives' Strike. Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21.—An immense meeting of factory operatives, and others sympathizing with them, was held here last night. Jennie Collins made a strong appeal for the strikers, and demanded the enactment of the ten-hour law.

Adjustment of War Claims. Boston, Dec. 21.—The claim of Charles Burrill to be compensated for furnishing men to the Boston quota during the war has been partially considered by the Board of Aldermen on a proposition to pay him \$25,000 in full of all demands. The subject was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Guilty of Manslaughter. The case of Hugh Comp, indicted for the murder Malachi McManus, in Dedham, last June, came up yesterday in the Supreme Court, when the pri-soner pleaded guilty of manslaughter, and was sen-tenced to the State Prison for seven years.

## FROM NEW YORK.

A Price on His Head. ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Governor Hoffman has issued proclamation offering a reward of 2500 for the arrest of the murderers of Dr. Meade, of Allegheny.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton easier; sales of 200 bales middling upland at 25 c. Flour—State and Western less active and prices fayor buyers; State, \$445@\$10; Western, \$440@\$20; Southern dull at \$5.40@6.10. Wheat is a shade easier and very quiet Corn declined 1c.; old mixed Western, \$1:126 1:14%; vellow Southern \$1 for new. Oats dull; State, 65%c.; Western, 63@63%c. Beef quiet. Pork heavy; new mess, \$31@32. Lard dull; steam rendered in therees, 184@18%c. Whisky nominal; Western, \$1

#### FROM THE WEST. Fatal Accident.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 21.—Jean Jourde, an employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company fell from the sixth story window of the telegraph building this morning and was instantly killed. He felt a distance of 80 feet.

Snow Storm. Four inches of snow fell last night, and is still The snow extends falling. The mercury is 26. The over a great extent of country west.

#### FROM THE SOUTH.

Lecomotive Explosion. WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 21.—A freight engine on the Baltimore and Ohio Rallroad exploded near Rawlesburg last night, killing the engineer and seriously wounding the fireman.

Exchement in a Brooklyn Theatre.

Last evening during the first act of the play of Midsummer Night's Dream, at the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, an accident occurred which fortunately resulted in but slight injury to one of the actresses. It appears that Miss Mary Whitman, as "Hippolita," threw a scarf over her shoulders, while standing behind the fless. The material was ignited from one of the gas jets, and the flames communicated with her dress. The actors on the stage rushed to her assistance, and suppressed the flames. Her injuries are of a slight character. The andience becoming excited, made a rush for the deors, but were quieted by the outcers on duty, who assured them that the danger was over, and they then resumed their seats, and the play went on. Exchement in a Brooklyn Theatre. and the play went on.

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Prince Napoleon and the Privy Council-English Opinion of the American Naturalization Question-The Steamer with the Peabody Remains Sails To-

EUROPE.

#### day. FROM EUROPE.

Prince Napeleon. By the Anglo-American Cable. Paris, Lec. 21.—It is reported that Prince Napo-eon will soon resume his position as President of the

Privy Council. LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mail advices from Rio de Janeiro to the 29th ult. have been received to-day. The vomito had broken out among the soldiers of

the allied army.
It is reported that Lopez has fied to Bolivia. The American Naturalization Question in England.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—John Arthur Otway, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Department, and member of the House of Commons for Chatham, made a speech to his constituents in that city hast evening. He expressed hearty satisfaction at the settlement of the American naturalization question. He stated that the draft of the act would be brought into Parliament at the next session enabling Private beautiful and the parliament. liament at the next session, enabling British subjects to divest themselves of their nationality whenever the sought to do so.

Sailing of the Monarch. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Monarch, with Mr. Pea-body's remains on board, sailed for the United States

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

Nominations Confirmed. Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- The Senate this morning Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate this morning confirmed nominations of a number of postmaster; also, Samuel R. Thurlowe, to be Marshal of the Southern District of New York; P. Gray, Collector of Internal Revenue, Twentieth district, Pa.; William C. Gray, Collector of Internal Revenue, Seventh district, Pa.; M. Yardiey, Collector of Internal Révenue, Fifth district, Pa.; H. G. Sickels, same in Fourth district, Pa.; J. W. Patton, same in Fifteenth district, Pa.; William E. Barber, Assessor, Seventh district, Pa.; E. M. Gregory, to be Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; E. M. Vau Buren, to be Pension Agent at New York city; James W. Marshall, to be First Assistant Postmaster-General, vice Earle, resigned.

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Opposition to the Georgia Bill in the House—
Speech of Judge Bingham.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Judge Bingham has just finished a speech on the Georgia bill, which creates considerable excitement among his political associates. He stated that he did not intend to be dragooned by party, and would vote against the bill. The President, he assorted, did not avor it, and it did not protect any person, black or white, in their rights. rights.

it simply gave to the Governor of Georgia power to execute, at his discretion the national law, a thing unheard of heretofore. He was tired of hearing that the President desired the passage of this bill. He knew that General G ant did not desire such a thing. He warned the House against being led away by Mr. Butler, in his vagaries about reconstruction. Mr. Bingham said he stated by authority that the portions of the message in relation to that the portions of the message in relation to Georgia had come there without the President's

This created quite a sensation, and at the close of Mr. Bingham's speech many him to ascertain if he spoke for the President. Mr. Farnsworth is now making a speech against the bill. Nominations Confirmed. Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Senate has confirmed the following nominations:—Henry T Blow, Minis-ter to Brazil, F. T. Low, Minister to China; Pierce,

#### Minister to Hawaian Islands; W. A. Pile, Governor of New Mexico; and Folger, Assistant Treasurer at New York.

CONGRESS. Senute.

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Mr. Warner introduced a bill for the more equal distribution or national banking capital, providing that the amount of circulating notes to be issued to banking associations shall not exceed three handred and forty militans of dollars, and in issuing associations in sections having the least national bank circulation. The Secretary of the Treasury is required to ratire and cancel United States three per cent, certificates to the extent of the issue of bank notes under this act, and shall cease to pay interest on the three per cent, certificates of the United States, and shall cease to pay interest on the three per cent, certificates of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Summer moved to take up the bill relative to telegraphic communications between the United States and foreign countries. He urged that prompt action on the measure was very important.

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A discussion ensued concerning the propriety of giving priority to this measure over others deemed by other Senators to be equally important.

Mr. Ramsey moved to proceed to the consideration of Executive business, which was agreed to, and at 12 55 P. M. the doors were closed for an Executive session. House. Continued from the Third Edition.

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Mr. Dawes understood that it depended altogether on the character of such enconstitutional acts whether the United States Government was authorized to do so. A legislature might be guilty of what would call upon the Federal Government in all its capacities and all its functions to interfere to maintain a republican form of government. It was a question of fact whether that condition of things existed in Georgia or not.

Mr. Voorhees submitted that it was not for Congress to review the acts of State legislatures, and to decide whether they were constitutional or not.

It was for the Judiciary to pass upon the constitutionality of acts brought in question. It was hereay of the grossest kind to assume that Congress had powers in a indicial capacity to revise the legislation of a State and determine whether they are in accordance with their State Constitution. It was a startling doctrine, and one which the sagacious mind of the gentleman from Massachusetts resorted to only became he saw no other ground on which to base his defense of this bill after the strong opposition he made to a similar bill last April.

Mr. Eldridge next spoke in opposition to the bill. He said that one of the saddest things in connection with the discussion in the House was that the House had almost ceased to be a deliberative body, and that its action was dictated by the leading partisans of the Republican party. If the doctrine were to be established that the commission of crimes in a State justified the interference of the Federal Government, why should not the doctrine be carried out as against Massachusetts, where the most atrocious crimes were commission for crimes in a State justified the interference of the Indian means resisted the encroachments of Congress, the liberties of the people would be destroyed, and a republican government would be a mere slam, a delusion, a deceit. The Supreme Court was already hedged about and virtually destroyed. It was stigmatized in the House as the superamus

pounded to death in a mortar,

Mr. Bingham next took the floor. He said the bill sent
to us by the Senate is in conflict with every letter of the
past legislation of Congress on the subject of reconstruction. It is in conflict with the express order of the President when he was made General of the Army, acting
under the law of reconstruction, in 1868, in relation to
Georgia.

McFarland Pleads "Not Guilty."

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

New York, Dec. 21.—At the opening of the Court of Sessions, the District Attorney had McFarland atraigned to plead to the indictment for the murder of Richardson. McFarland was scated, conversing with his counsel. In response to the Clerk's isquiry as to his guilt, Mr. Spencer, his counsel, responded "Not guilty." McFarland looked calm and self-possessed, though pale and worn. He was shortly afterwards remanded to prison.

GEORGIA BILL It Passes the House-Yeas, 121-

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# FROM WASHINGTON.

Nays, 51.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-The Georgia bill was passed without amendment-yeas, 121; nays, 51.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Charles H. Rockwell and Master William H. Mayer, United States Rockwell and Master William B. Mayer, Chica States navy, have been ordered to the Vandalia, lying at Portsmouth, N. II.; Second Assistant Engineer M. N. Knowiton has been detached from the Frolic, and Second Assistant Joseph H. Thomas ordered to take his place.

#### FROM NEW YORK.

Fatal Accident in Brooklyn.

Paral Accident in Breeklyn.

Despatch to The Ecenting Telegraph.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 21.—About 9 o'clock this morning, as Patrick Gibney was fixing the tackle block of a derrick to be used on the new building of the Long Island Savings Bank, corner of Brown and Fuiton streets, the ropes gave way, precipitating him to the pavement below, a distance of forty feet. He lived but a few minutes. He leaves a wife and five children.

### FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Casualty in Boston.

Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A man named Winn, while engaged in repairing a well in Winchester, yesterday afternoon, was partially buried by the caving of the quicksands. His head and arms remained at the surface, but both legs were held fast, and this after-noon, twenty-four hours after, only one leg has been released. During the evening the citizens of the town were present in large numbers, to extricate the un-fortunate from his perilous position, but, as only one man could work at a time, relief was necessa-

Mr. Winn is in good spirits, and his friends hope to release him during the day. The Descit in the Howard Bank. Boston, Dec. 21.—As far as ascertained the present deficit in the Howard National Bank is \$6607, which has been traced back several years, and was found in the book-keeper's account.

Attempted Bank Robbery. A bold attempt was made on Saturday night to rob the First National Bank of Leominster. The burglars applied the most skilful system to the safe, but had to abandon the job. An unsuccessful attempt was also made on the vault. Fish, Jr., Adds a Boston Theatre to His List. It is reported in theatrical circles that James Fisk, r., has bought the Adelphia Theatre property in

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